Causes for the spread of plague epidemic

*212. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA :

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have completed its investigation into the recent outbreak of plague in the country;

(b) if so, the results of the investigation;

(c) quantum of loss of life and industry due to the epidemic and the States affected thereof; and

(d) central assistance provided to the States in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) A Technical Advisory Committee constituted to investigate the plague outbreak has been given time till April, 1995 to give their report.

(c) 52 deaths occurred in Gujarat, one in Delhi and one in Karnataka. Industrial activities were also affected in certain parts of the country.

(d) 2360 MTS of BHC and 372 lakhs capsules of Tetracycline were allotted to the States alongwith Dhoopan Samagri (Ayurvedic and Unani fumigation material) to facilitate air purification.

Review of the strategy of "Health for all by 2000 A.D."

*213. SHRI JAGMOHAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of dangerous diseases like plague, Kala Azar, Cholera, Tuberculosis, etc. are reappearing and spreading fast in different parts of the country;

(b) whether this reappearance/spread has not made a mockery of the strategy of "Health for All by 2000 A. D."; and

(c) whether Government propose to review and strengthen this strategy to make it more meaningful and effective at the ground level ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c) During this year, plague outbreaks occurred in some villages of Beed District in Maharashtra and some localities in Surat City. These were quickly brought under control. There is a declining trend in the incidence of Kala Azar during the last few years. Mortality and severity of morbidity have declined in case of tuberculosis. Occurrence of cholera is occasional and limited. The incidence of leprosy is rapidly declining. National programmes for controls of communicable diseases and various other health programmes have been undertaken in furtherance of the goals salt out in the Health Policy, 1983 and the strategies are constantly reviewed to provide effective coverage under the programmes.

अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों को स्टालों का आवंटन

214. **श्री आस मोहम्मद :**

श्री ईश दत्त यादव :

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या रेलवे प्लेटफार्मों पर अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों/पिछड़े वर्गों के लिए स्टालों के आवंटन के संबंध में कोई कोटा निर्धारित किया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है, और

(ग) वर्तमान स्थिति के अनुसार जोन-वार ब्यौरा क्या है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी० के० जाफर शरीफ) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Unmanned level crossings in Maharashtra

*215. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number and details of unmanned railway level crossings in Maharashtra;

(b) the number and details of level crossing accidents in Maharashtra during 1992, 1993 and so far in 1994, indicating the number of persons killed and injured, including women and children; and

(c) the number and details of railway crossing in Maharashtra manned and/or mechanised during the same period ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) No. & details of unmanned level crossing in Maharashtra.